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Identical letters dated 14 November 2011 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia dated 14 November 2011 regarding the so-called "presidential elections" held in the Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia, Georgia (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia regarding the so-called "presidential elections" held in the Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia, Georgia

On 13 November 2011, the Russian occupation forces and the regime established by Russia in the Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia, Georgia conducted another cynical act of the pseudo-democratic policy. The Russian Federation carried out the so-called "presidential elections" and brought to Tskhinvali its own "observers" in an attempt to legitimize the outcomes of these "elections" and the ethnic cleansing of almost two thirds of the local population.

Crimes committed by Russian occupants and their proxies have fundamentally distorted the demographics of the Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia, Georgia, thus depriving internally displaced persons and refugees of the right to return to their homes. The human rights of the remaining population are violated on a daily basis by the occupation forces, and no international observers are allowed into the occupied region to report these abuses as well as the ongoing illegal militarization of the region. In the existing reality, these "elections" clearly illustrate a complete disregard of internationally accepted norms and principles and cannot be considered legitimate by any standard.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia calls on the members of the international community to give an adequate assessment of another farce conducted in one of the occupied regions of Georgia — the Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia — and continue pressuring Russia to stop its provocative acts against Georgia and start fulfilling its obligations under the Ceasefire Agreement of 12 August 2008.

Tbilisi, 14 November 2011